Utilisation of Talents of Retired Scientists

5673. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for utilisation of the talents of the retired scientists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has initiated a scheme entitled Utilization of Scientific Expertise of Retired Scientists (USERS) during the Seventh Five Year Plan. The following are the activities supported under this scheme:

1. Undertaking/participation of retired scientists in programmes connected with Integrated Rural Development.

2. Utilising the talent and services of retired scientists in science/ educational projects such as, development of educational materials, teaching aids, and audiovisual aids.

3. Preparation of State of the art reports, reviews and monographs etc. by the retired scientists.

4. Utilization of the services of retired scientists in the capacities of consultants or advisers for popularisation of science through lectures, radio and television centres and public for-a etc.

This scheme started operating in the last quarter of the year 1986. Some of the projects under implementation are related to transfer of technology directly benefiting the rural poor. Projects are also being funded for bringing out monographs and books in the areas of science where books authored by Indian scientists are not available.

Emeritus Scientists Scheme

The CSIR provides financial assistance to superannuated outstanding scientists to pursue research, write books/monographs in their respective fields of specialisation.. This scheme is for those scientists who are acknowledge experts in their fields of specialisation and have been actively engaged in scientific research during the preceding five years of superannuation.

INSA Senior Scientist Scheme

There is also a scheme entitled 'INSA Senior Scientists Scheme' which is being operated by the Indian National Science Academy and the awardes are called as "INSA Senior Scientists" The objective of the scheme is to utilise the expertise of INSA fellows after superannuation. The scientists have to devote a major part of their time for research in some recognised R&D centre/ university/institute. In case they desire, they can also take up writing of monographs in their specialised fields. The fellows within the age group of 58 to 70 are eligible for consideration.

[*Translation*]

Companies Registered in Bihar

5674. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies with capital investment exceeding Rs. 20 crores registered in Bihar;

(b) the amount of loan provided to each of these companies so far by Union Government; and

(c) the total number of workers employed in the said companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J.KURIEN): (a) As on 31 st March, 1989, 21 companies with capital investment (comprising paid-up capital reserves and borrowings) exceeding Rs. 20 crores were registered in Bihar under the Companies Act 1956.

(b) and (c). Financial Institutions and Banks provide loan to the companies. Details regarding amount of loan provided to the companies and the number of workers employed in them are not being centrally maintained.

[*English*]

Quantity of Foodgrains supplied to States

5675. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the month-wise total quantity of rice, other foodgrains palmolein and sugar allotted and supplied to each State for distribution under Public Distribution System during the period from January 1, 1991 to July, 1991;

(b) whether the Government of Bihar has asked for more quantity;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the quantity of these items;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) A set statements showing month-wise quantity of rice, wheat, levy sugar and imported edible oil allotted to and lifted by the State Government and U.T Administrations from January, 91 to July, 91 are attached.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Bihar had requested for additional allotment of foodgrains for the month of August, 1991.

(c) to (e). Allocation of foodgrains are made on a month to month basis, talking into account various factors like stocks in the Central Pool, market availability, inter-se requirements of States/UTs etc. The Central Government has decided to give ad-hoc additional allocation of rice for August, 91 to States/UTs keeping in view the lean period during the current months. Government of Bihar was given an adhoc additional allocation of 7000 tonnes of rice for August, 1991.